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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated August 2, 2000 finally rejecting claims 1 through 19, 21 and 22 of the above-captioned application.

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